

Drug Policy Advisory Council Meeting
2nd Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building
November 10, 2011

Voting Council Members Present: Chairman Mark Schouten, Cyndy Erickson, Kevin Frampton, Richard Doyle, Paul Stageberg, Vern Armstrong, Kathy Stone, Todd Thoeming, Paul Stier for David Lorenzen, Jennifer Benson, Warren Hunsberger (phone), Jane Larkin, Brian Vos (phone), and Chris Wilson.

Non-voting Members Present: Stephan Arndt and Colonel Tom Staton.

Guest: Tony Leys, Des Moines Register.

Staff: Dale Woolery, Dennis Wiggins, Becky Swift and Becky Bell.

Welcome and introductions

Chairman Schouten called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A motion was made by Kevin Frampton, seconded by Paul Stageberg, with Council members voting unanimously to approve the August 11, 2011, minutes as presented.

Col. Tom Staton is the new Counterdrug Coordinator and is taking the place of Major Finch who was serving as the Interim Coordinator.

2012 Drug Control Strategy

Chairman Schouten said on November 1, 2011, the 2012 Drug Control Strategy was sent electronically to council members, legislators and the Governor.

In the strategy, ODCP set out new specific strengthening efforts to keep people healthy, safe guarding communities and breaking the drug use cycle and delinquency. Chairman Schouten thanked the Council members for their input for the Strategy and hopes the Strategy is an often used tool as it contains valuable information.

Iowa Prescription Drug Abuse Reduction Initiative

Director Schouten reported that doctors, pharmacists, enforcement and others that make up the Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force held a series of three meetings to discuss Iowa's prescription drug abuse initiative.

Information from those task force meetings will be compiled in a report addressing the prescription drug abuse problem in Iowa.

Iowa Pseudoephedrine Tracking System/NPLEx

Schouten said the Pseudo Tracking report will be out by the first of the year. The report will describe the success of the tool in stopping sales of pseudoephedrine that exceed Iowa law.

2012 Legislative Priorities

Becky Swift reported that legislative proposals are due on November 29, 2011.

ODCP will submit bills to make marijuana a Schedule 1 controlled substance; expand the language in 124.401 to include new synthetic cannabinoids and cathinones and to give the Pharmacy Board temporary authority to add these substances to Schedule 1 on an interim basis; to optimize the Prescription Monitoring Program; and to add the use of a validated risk assessment in sentencing determinations.

Drug Endangered Children Update

Becky reported she been working on a plan to expand Drug endangered Children (DEC) programs across the state. Schouten said that 2012 will be the year of Drug Endangered Children

Iowa was chosen by the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children to host the 2012 National Conference.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Bell